

New Iberia La. Dec 10th 1963

Dear Mother,

I rec'd your very kind letter of the 16th of Nov about four days ago and have ~~had~~ been so busy that I have not had a chance to answer it *untill* now. I was very glad to hear that you were all well. I have been very well since I wrote you last. Harrison is well and so are all of the boys from Leon.ville.

You speak of Jimmy Dunn's getting a good place and want to know why I can't a place. I have got full as good a place as he has, I am to work now for the same man that he is, Jimmy is his clerk and I am his orderly, I don't have but little to do at present and a good horse to ride, I have to carry in the morning report of the Division to Gen. Franklin's Head Qurts. every morning and once in a while to the regts. with orders and on a march I have to take charge of the Ambulance train, the man's name that I am with Reup. B. Wilson Chief Surgeon 1st Division 19th Army Corps he is a very fine man, I like him very much. I have been here only a week. I am staying with Harrison now nights and shall *untill* Jimmy and I can draw us a tent, it is only step down to the Regt. I can carry Harrison's things for him on ~~at the march~~ march which will be a a great help to him.

Our old Gen. has left us, Gen. Weitzel I mean, our regt. has been in his Brigade ever since we came into this Dept., he has been this Division (the first) for some time, has been ordered to report to Gen. Butler at Fortress Monroe, he started this morning, there was a salute fired as he rode away on his horse and his old Brigade gave him three hearty cheers as ~~they~~ he passed them, there is not one in the whole Division but what regrets his loss.

Harrison rec'd a letter from you the same day that I got mine dated Nov. 22nd, I don't know whether he had answered it or not.

Well I have not time to write any more, there is nothing to write ~~abou~~ any way. Write me all about what father is doing when you write.

Give my love to all.

From your Affect. Son,

John F. Brand